

# JOHN O'NEIL, JR. AND AGNES O'NEIL



Agnes O'Neil, known and beloved by hundreds as "Nannie O'Neil," was one of the colorful characters of Midway.

She was born in County Down, Ireland, January 20, 1828, a daughter of Thomas and Rachel Ellis Hair. Her parents had eight children, seven girls and one boy. Her

brother, Samuel Hair, was well known in Midway in later years.

When Nannie was nine months old her family moved to Scotland, where she spent her young womanhood. In her early years she was employed in the home of a wealthy family.

When Nannie was 17 years old, all of her family had joined the LDS Church but herself. She felt ashamed for her family, and worried over their membership in the Church. Her unhappiness continued for some time until one night she had a dream. She dreamed she was standing on the banks of the River Clyde and a great book opened up before her. A voice spoke to her, bidding her to open to the chapter and verse where it admonished her to "search the scriptures."

The next day she searched the Bible for the reference, and after reading it, went humbly to her mother and said she wished to join the Church. She was baptized by Elder John Smith. The winter was so cold that ice had to be broken for her baptism. Throughout her life she remained a staunch member of the Church.

Shortly after her baptism she was married to John O'Neil at Del Ry, Scotland. Mr. O'Neil was already a good Latter-day Saint.

In May of 1863 they left Scotland to come to America. They had five children at the time, four boys and one girl. They had already buried three sons in Scotland.

They arrived in Utah in October of 1863 and came directly to Midway through the influence of George and James T. Wilson, who were cousins of Nannie.

After settling in Utah the O'Neils had three more children. When the youngest was eight, Nannie was left a widow, and had a hard struggle to keep her family together. After almost eight years as a widow she opened a hotel and became famous throughout the country as a genial hostess and expert cook. She was also an expert seamstress and skilled in embroidery.

She worked faithfully in the Church all her life. She was president of the Primary and a teacher in Relief Society and Sunday School for many years.

Her personality was a powerful force, and she was able to draw people into the closeness of her friendship. As she operated the hotel people gathered in throngs for her parties and celebrations. Her birthday became an occasion of great celebration, and was one of the outstanding celebrations in the valley.

Fine dinners were prepared, gifts were sent, poems were written and programs presented.

Throughout her life Nannie O'Neil was a woman of great popularity and was an influence for good in the community.

Poem Written by William Lindsay

'Tis many a year since first we met

To visit Nannie O'Neal

To celebrate her natal day

And wish her kind heart "weel"

We met a hearty welcome

In her cheerful, kindly way

And many a happy time we've had

With her the livelong day

Many of those who used to come

Have passed away and gone.

Their bodies sleeping in their graves

'Til the resurrection morn

Aunt Nannie, too, was called away

When nearly eighty-seven

And everyone of us feels sure

That she is now in Heaven

Because she kept the laws of God

As nearly as she could

And trusted everyone she met

As all true Christians should.

Those of her friends who yet remain

Still hold the memory dear

And gladly meet to celebrate

Her Birthday every year.

She died on July 16, 1914 at the age of 87.

Children of John and Agnes "Nannie" O'Neil were:

James, an early pioneer of Ashley Valley

William, who served as a state legislator

John, who died soon after the family came from Scotland

Rachel, who married Louis Coleman

Samuel, respected citizen of Midway

Helen

George

Agnes.

His three children also preceded him in death.

### JOHN RILEY VAIL AND ALICE WHITE O'NEIL VAIL



John Riley Vail, son of Isaac Vail and Tryshiam Beeler Vail. Born June 7, 1864, Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho. Married Alice White July 26, 1883, Salt Lake City in the Endowment House. Killed in snow slide in Trinidad, Washington, March 1, 1910.

Alice White Vail O'Neil was born November 3, 1864, in Midway, a daughter of C. B. White and Mary Jane Marsh. Married John Riley Vail 1883, in Endowment House. After the death of Mr. Vail married Samuel O'Neil. Died May 18, 1948, in Midway.

Mr. Vail was a carpenter by trade and moved from place to place. He made a home for his family in Midway, Ashley, in the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming, Victor, Idaho, Chopin, Fremont County, Idaho, at the time of his death he was working in Washington. A snow slide struck the train on which he was a passenger.

Alice lived in Midway through her younger life. Her father, C. B. White died when she was a small child. Her mother, Mary Jane Marsh, later married Samuel Thompson. He proved to be a good father to Alice.

During Alice's teenage years she had to help her mother card and spin wool and to color and weave it so that it could be made up in clothing as times were hard. They also knit stockings for the family as well as for other people, to help make a living.

Alice came with her family to Midway to live with her mother while her husband, John Vail, was working in Washington. While she was with her mother, all the children had diphtheria. The little boy George, age 7, died

with the disease, and her daughter, Mary (Mellie) was left paralyzed for some time.

While working at Trinidad, Washington, Alice's husband was on a train which was struck by a snow slide and was killed.

Alice took care of her mother who had been stricken with a stroke for about three years. After her mother's death Alice moved to Park City and cooked for boarders.

Her daughter, Naomi Vail Burgener, was Post Mistress in Midway for 38 years.

Alice was a faithful worker in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served as first counselor and also secretary and treasurer in the Relief Society at Victor, Idaho. She continued working and serving in the church after moving back to Midway. She also nursed the sick and those who needed help. Later she married Samuel O'Neil. He had one son Ellis (adopted).

Samuel O'Neil died April 3, 1935.

Alice White Vail O'Neil died at the age of 83.

Children of John and Alice Vail:

John Heber married Bertha Apley;

Mrs. Charles (Martha Melvina) Bigler.

Later married Morris Newell;

Mrs. George (Alice Naomi) Burgener;

Mrs. Luke A. (Mary Teresha) Provost;

Howard Lorenzo, married Louise;

Mrs. Jesse (Cora Loemma) Bigler. Later married Jack McKnight.

Mrs. Orval (Elsie Elvira) Hennickson;

George Gamiel, died in youth;

Myron Houck, married Faye Holdaway.

### SAMUEL AND RUTH ROCKWOOD O'NEIL



Samuel O'Neil, son of John O'Neil and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil, was born November 4, 1863, Dalry Ayrshire, Scotland. Married Ruth Rockwood and later Alice Vail. Died April 3, 1935, Midway.

Ruth Rockwood O'Neil, daughter of Albert R. Rockwood and Susianne Cornwall Rockwood, born November 13, 1872, Salt Lake City. Died October 2, 1914, Midway.

Children of Samuel and Ruth Rockwood O'Neil:

Ellis, born May 1, 1912 in Wayne County. Ellis married Mildred Lee.

Samuel and Ruth O'Neil were honest, kindly people. Mr. O'Neil was a farmer. He was devoted to his church. He was baptized by George Wilson December 1, 1876. He was ordained an elder April 2, 1893. He was ordained a High Priest October 26, 1919 by Joseph F. Smith.

Mrs. O'Neil was an outstanding and effective teacher and helped in most of the auxiliary organizations of the church. She was sustained as second counselor in the Midway 2nd Ward Primary in December, 1907. On October 9, 1909 she was made the president of the Primary. Mrs. O'Neil served as President until December 22, 1913. She was gracious and friendly. Sam and Ruth O'Neil loved young people, and were respected by all the townspeople.

### WILLIAM AND SUSAN ROSS O'NEIL



William O'Neil was born June 22, 1855, a son of John and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil. He married Susan Matilda Ross December 5, 1877 in Midway.

Susan Matilda Ross, daughter of James Jackson and Susan Luvernia Robey Ross, was born in Provo, March 22, 1860.

William spent his young life in Midway and after his marriage to Susan they moved to Roosevelt and Uintah County where they made their permanent home.

He was a missionary to Scotland and Ireland in 1889-1901, and served as president of the Uintah Stake YMMIA. He was first

counselor to Bishop Joseph A. McKee of the Glines Ward and first counselor to S. A. Russell in the Cedar View Branch Presidency. He was assistant Sunday School superintendent, and a teacher in the Glines Ward, as well as a high councilman, and stake missionary. He was also a member of the Third state legislature from Uintah County, and served as secretary-treasurer of the Cedar View Building Company. Other distinctions included school trustee and treasurer of the Roosevelt School District and delegate to the eleventh National Irrigation Congress in 1902. He was also a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War.

Children of William and Susan were:

William, married Mary Elizabeth Wardle;

Mrs. Joseph James (Susan) Hards;

Mrs. George (Agnes) Fuller;

George, married Lenora Abplanalp;

Mrs. Louis (Nancy) Wall;

Mrs. Samuel Henry (Cora) Summerall;

Lycurgus;

Nellie;

Annie;

Ross;

John Walter.

### ERNEST AND EMMA KOHLER PROBST



Ernest Probst was born April 18, 1866 in Bern, Switzerland, the fifth child of Ulrich and Anna Barbara Keiner Probst. He married Emma Marie Kohler on February 13, 1895 in the Salt Lake Temple. He died in Midway July 1, 1936.

Emma Marie Kohler Probst was born November 18, 1871, at Bern, Switzerland. She died in Midway June 18, 1943.

With his parents, Ernest Probst emigrated to America in 1872, settling in Midway. Soon after they arrived they homesteaded

SAMUEL AND AGNES O'NEIL  
RITCHIE

Samuel Cummings Ritchie, son of John Ritchie and Mary Cummings Ritchie. Born October 8, 1864, Montreal, Canada. Married Agnes Elizabeth O'Neil in Salt Lake Temple March 21, 1893. Died October 30, 1924, Park City.

Agnes Elizabeth O'Neil, daughter of John O'Neil and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil. Born December 3, 1871 in Midway. Died June 12, 1944, in Park City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie were respected and beloved by their townspeople. They lived in Midway for many years and ran the O'Neil, later Ritchie Hotel and Boarding

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House. They were known throughout the area for their hospitality and excellent food. They were praised for their gentle manner and generous hearts. They were both loyal to their friends and family. They fed and helped many people they knew to be in need. In later years they moved to Park City and continued in the boarding house business. They were faithful Latter-day Saints. They are buried in Midway.

Children of Samuel and Agnes Ritchie:  
John, never married;  
Agnes Helen, died in youth;  
James, married Mignon Neilson;  
Harold, died in youth;  
William, married Hazel Ostrander;  
Mrs. Edwin A. (Ruth O'Neil) Thompson.

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## JOHN JAMES AND MARGARET ELIZA ROBINS HENRY SMITH

John James Smith was born August 7, 1839, at Nauvoo, Illinois, son of Jackson Osbourne and Mary Marie Owens Smith. He married Margaret Eliza Robins Henry. She was born October 30, 1844, daughter of John and Eliza Humphreys Robins of Preece, Shropshire, England. John died September 15, 1915, and Eliza on December 16, 1926.

Her father was born on March 2, 1814, and died March 7, 1887. Her mother was born March 2, 1814, at Shropshire, England.

Margaret Eliza Robins was married to Alfred Platte Blake Henry. They had two sons, Alfred, who was born in March, 1864, and died at birth, and John James Henry, born September 2, 1865, both at Heber. John James never married, but lived with his mother as long as she lived, working at various jobs to take care of his mother. Not many years before his death, February 20, 1903, he built a new little frame home to replace the log cabin they lived in.

Eliza cooked for gangs of men who were building the railroad into Utah. During her early days on Daniel Creek she picked hops from vines along the creek to sell to a fellow in Heber who used them. She often told how she had to borrow hot coals from neighbors to start fires at times. She was a very pretty young woman and was chosen as the Goddess of Liberty for a Fourth of July celebration in Heber in the early days. She was a very fine quilt maker. As she grew older her eyes were covered with cataracts, so she was blind.

He freighted across the plains in his early life. It was said teamsters would marvel how well he could handle his teams. He used the bull whip as others did, but could "crack" it without touching his animals. They would reach journey's end in very good shape and make good time.

Eliza's and John's children were: Oliver Jackson, Lydia Ann, Joseph Hyrum, William Isaac Smith, Francis Phileman, Minnie (died), Armenia (died), and Raymond (died).

Wesley Walters  
cooked in Soldier  
Summit & Weber  
Hub Cafe  
Crossroads

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Nelvin

WRIGHT

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

Marilyn Colledge (3)

WIFE (1)

Muir

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER

HUSBANDS

Husband  
Wife

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

Nelvin

WRIGHT

Ward  
Examiners: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Stake or Mission

RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND

RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE

FOUR GENERATION SHEETS FOR FILING ONLY

YES ☐

NO ☐

DATE SUBMITTED TO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

LDS ORDINANCE DATA

BAPTIZED (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ ENDOWED (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
WIFE TO HUSBAND

WIFE

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
CHILDREN TO PARENTS

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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HUSBAND (1) Leon Draper CARROLL					Husband Leon Draper CARROLL				
Born _____ Place _____					Wife _____				
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Marr. _____ Place _____					Examiners: 1. _____ 2. _____				
Died _____ Place _____					Stake or Mission _____				
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HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____					RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND _____ RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE _____				
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# School Lunch Coats



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## *Cooks at Hi School*

The women who make up the staff in our cafeteria have worked hard to see that everyone is given a balanced meal. They have a beautiful and modern facility in which to work and thus have contributed greatly to the welfare of our school.

Lest we forget the confusion and disorder of the old school lunch facility, we must recall this past year with great admiration.

Things have truly changed for the better as far as school lunch is concerned.

*1964-5*



Sadie Clegg, Agnes Wallace, Margaret Muir, Supervisor, Thelma Norton, Sydona Anderson.

Coopers  
(barrel makers)

(Parker makes)  
Cooper